

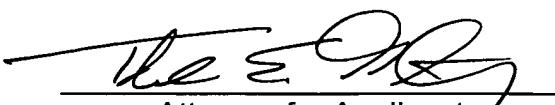
REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2003. Examiner's allowance of claims 3, 6-11, 13-35, 41, 42, and 46-92 is noted with appreciation. Applicants also wish to express their appreciation for Examiner indicating that claim 44 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. This has been done in the present amendment. Accordingly, all the claims listed in this paragraph are believed to be allowed and therefore require no additional comments.

Claims 4, 5, 39, 43, and 45 were rejected. All of these rejected claims have been canceled in this Amendment.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all the claims currently in this application are in condition for allowance. If Examiner has a question or comment or if Applicants' attorney can assist in any manner whatsoever, Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned. An early notification of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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